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Dulles' Doctors Reduce Time for Recuperation

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Secretary of State Dulles is "in excellent condition" and his recovery may be more rapid than was first estimated, State Department Press Officer Lincoln White reported today.

The Secretary telephoned acting Secretary of State Herbert Hoover, Jr. at 9 a. m. today and discussed department business with him, Mr. White said. Mr. Hoover was scheduled to visit Mr. Dulles at his Walter Reed hospital bedside this afternoon. He also planned to see Central Intelligence Agency Director Allen Dulles, his brother, this afternoon.

Mr. Dulles underwent an operation for the removal of a cancerous section of intestine Saturday.

Comfortable Night

Mr. White's statement on Secretary Dulles' progress was made at his regular noon briefing. It read:

"The Secretary of State spent a very comfortable night. His general condition is excellent. His temperature is 100 degrees; pulse 76; blood pressure 134/74. Intravenous feedings are being continued but it is contemplated that oral feeding will be initiated tomorrow.

"The favorable recovery continues and barring unforeseen complications the Secretary may be able to leave the hospital and begin a normal period of convalescence return to his desk within previous estimates."

Earlier doctors had said Mr. Dulles would likely be released from the hospital in from two to three weeks. It is understood that both these estimates may have been pessimistic.

Mr. White said doctors and associates of the Secretary told him Mr. Dulles' spirits are high.

TV-Radio Set Available

Newspapers and a television-radio set are available in his room.

The Secretary sat up yesterday afternoon for the first time, Mr. White reported.

He assumes, he said, that his hours out of bed will increase.

Mr. White's statement yesterday said: "The general condition of the Secretary is good. His temperature is 99.8. His pulse is 76. His blood pressure is 120 over 76."

He is being supported by appropriate intravenous medication.

He will get out of bed and sit in a chair for a few moments this afternoon.

Preliminary gross and microscopic examination of the removed tissue show it to be a benign growth.

Further exploration of the tissue has evidence whatever.

"Preoperative x-ray of the chest was negative. Complete removal of the diseased tissue was accomplished with a restoration of intestinal continuity."

During the day President Eisenhower issued the following statement:

"I know I speak for all Americans — and for freedom loving peoples the world over — in wishing the Secretary of State a speedy and full recovery from his operation."

"As Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles has devoted himself unselfishly to his complicated and strenuous duties—even, as it is now apparent, at the risk of his own health. He has given unfiringly of himself to the cause of world peace based on justice and, as such, is my invaluable associate."

"Until he can resume his full duties, the splendid State Department staff headed by Herbert Hoover, Jr.—that the Secretary has developed — will operate in his stead. In doing so, they and I, will constantly have the advantages of his experience, wisdom and courageous spirit."

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